

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 4 with the following:

According to another aspect of the invention there is provided an artillery gun comprising an elevating apparatus, a recoil buffering apparatus, and a breech assembly connected to a ~~barrel~~, barrel. The breech assembly having a firing mechanism for firing a projectile through an open end of the barrel, and the recoil buffering apparatus comprising a recoil buffering means adapted to be integrated or otherwise secured to the barrel and movable therewith during recoil action of the barrel caused by firing of the projectile, and support means associated with the recoil buffering means for supporting the recoil buffering means and thereby supporting the barrel and breech assembly through the recoil buffering means.

Please replace the paragraph on page 15, beginning at line 15 with the following:

The saddle 31 is sited in the centre of the track assembly 50 and is rotatable. The left front support 34 and the right front support 35 have radial "T"-shaped recesses or slots (80). Both front supports 34, 35 ride on the "T"-shaped formation (81) of the arcuate guide member or track (82) of the support platform or track assembly 50 which is concentric with the centre and allows both front support 34, 35 to slide on it. The saddle 31 and front supports 34, 35 are all connected by two saddle connecting tubes 33 and cross-connecting tube 36 to form a triangular base.

Please replace the paragraph on page 15, beginning at line 30 with the following:

The traversing mechanism consists of the three base connecting tubes 33, 36 connecting the left front support 34, right front support 35 and the saddle 31. The saddle 31 is sited in the centre of the track assembly 50 and is rotatable around a vertical axis. The left front support 34 and the right front support 35 have ~~radial~~ "T" shaped recesses or slots (80). They ride on the "T"-shaped formation (81) of the arcuate guide member or track (82) of the support platform or track assembly 50 which is concentric with the centre and allows the left front support 34 and the right front support 35 to slide on it. Since the saddle 31 and front supports 34 & 35 are connected by two saddle connecting tubes 33 and cross-connecting tube 36 to form a triangular base, the assembly allows the traversing mass 30 to rotate along the track assembly 50 to permit lateral traverse of the structure.

Please replace the paragraph on page 16, beginning at line 11 with the following:

The invention differs from the conventional arc and pinion as the gear teeth ~~is~~ are replaced with a steel drive cable 39. The steel drive cable 39 rests on the plain cylindrical surface (83) of the track assembly 50 with one end (84) fixed. ~~If the drive cable 39 wraps around the drive wheel or pinion 38 while the other end is tensioned by a spring (not shown~~ 85). The steel cable 39 sits in the semi-circular spiral or helical, recess or groove (86) on the pinion 38. The pinion 38 holds its position firmly as it is squeezed by the tension in the steel cable 39. The semi-circular spiral groove (86) on the pinion increases the contact surface between the steel cable 39 and the pinion 38. It also improves the gripping power and prevents deformation of the steel cable.